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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL MEETING ON REGULATION OF CHLOROFLUORO-
CARBON EMISSIONS - APRIL 26/28, 1977, WASHINGTON

REF: (A) STATE 075820; (B) STATE 78216

1. GOI IS INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN SUBJECT MEETING WITH
ONE OR TWO DELEGATES; HOWEVER, BURAUCRATIC INFIGHTING BETWEEN
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MINISTRY OF RESEARCH AND MINISTRY OF HEALTH, LACK OF TRAVEL FUNDS
AND A APRIL 28/29 ROME INTERNATIONAL MEETING ON SEVESO HAVE
PREVENTED SO FAR NAMING OF POSSIBLE PARTICIPANTS. DECISION
CONSIDERED UNLIKELY BEFORE WEEK OF APRIL 18.

2. INFORMAL CONVERSATION WITH PROF. CORTELLESSA, COORDINATOR FOR
ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS, MINISTRY OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, ELICITED

FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON POINTS RAISED BY REF (A):

(A) GOI IS INTERESTED IN CHLOROFLUORCARBONS ISSUE SINCE ITALY ACCOUNTS FOR TEN PERCENT OF EUROPEAN PRODUCTION. HOWEVER, GOI IS DOBTFUL RE NEED FOR IMMEDIATE RESTRICTIVE REGULATIONS; INSTEAD, GOI BELIEVES IT NECESSARY TO UNDERTAKE FURTHER STUDIES WHICH COULD LAST AT LEAST THREE YEARS. FOLLOWING COLLECTION OF EVIDENCE AND FURTHER STUDIES, GOI WOULD FAVOR REGULATORY ACTION. A JANUARY 1977 MINISTRY OF HEALTH CIRCULAR WARNED INDUSTRY OF POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF RESTRICTIVE RULES FOR FLUOROCARBONS AND INFLAMMABLE PROPELLENTS.

(B) ARTICLES HAVE APPEARED SPORADICALLY IN THE DAILY PRESS AND PERIODICALS ILLUSTRATING THE DANGER OF OZONE DEPLETION. ITALIAN RADIO AND TV REPS HAVE REPEATEDLY CONTACTED GOI OFFICIALS FOR AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT ON THE SUBJECT. HOWEVER, GOI IS NOT PLANNING TO RELEASE ANY COMMUNIQUE TO THE MEDIA UNTIL AFTER THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

(C) GOI HOPES WASHINGTON MEETING WILL BRING ABOUT CLOSER COOPERATION, EXCHANGE OF DATA, AND COMMITMENT TO CONTINUE RESEARCH ON CANCER EDPIDEMOLOGY AND ON AGRICULTURAL AND CLIMATOLOGICAL ASPECTS RELATED TO FLUOROCARBON ISSUES.

(D) GOI WILL PROBABLY RAISE ISSUE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS OF FERTILIZERS.

3. EMBASSY WILL TRANSMIT NAMES OF ITALIAN PARTICIPANTS AS SOON AS AVAILABLE.GARDNER
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